



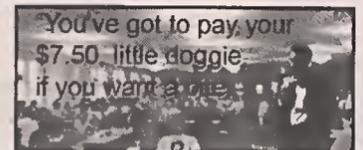
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College disputes food rating

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"How do you rate the food on campus?"

This was the question that was asked of the Guilford student body during the 2004-2005 academic year to determine the results for the Princeton Review's *361 Best Colleges* ranking book. Guilford was ranked number 14 on the "Is it food?" list.

The Princeton Review surveys an average of 300 students from each school to get their opinions on the school's quality and type of life. The topic "Best campus food/is it food?" asks students how they rate the food on campus. They can choose one of five options ranging from "Excellent" to "Awful" to express their opinion.

Their surveys are not com-

pletely up to date, according to their FAQ section on the website, especially for a school like Guilford that has done extensive updating of the cafeteria in the past few years including staff training and refurbishment.

The Princeton Review keeps the results of the surveyed students from "the previous two school years," and only "formally re-surveys each school in the book every three years at a minimum."

This means that Guilford might not have been officially surveyed for several years, which would skew the results since improvements have been made in the cafeteria recently.

School officials protested the results in the *Weekly Buzz*, stating that 96 percent of students report overall satisfaction with the dining expe-

rience.

An independent survey project was conducted last fall to survey 201 students to get those results. The choices available for them to mark in terms of satisfaction were, High (49 percent), Moderate (47 percent), and Low (4 percent).

This means that the high and moderate categories, two points on a three-point scale, were grouped together to form the overall satisfaction of 96 percent.

"I would put more stock on those results than the Princeton Review," said Ty Buckner, Director of College Relations.

However, there are differing statistics in the independent survey that challenge the 96 percent satisfaction rate. The chosen diction suggests that, though satisfaction overall is

Alcohol served for first time since 1969

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On Sept. 2, Guilford College hosted a social event where alcohol, funded by an anonymous donor, was served free of

charge.

Campus Life decided to keep the donor anonymous to deflect support or blame from him in an event that anything should happen.

"This is not about alcohol. This is about bringing the

community together," said Aaron Fetrow, Dean of Campus Life. "But it has become an alcohol event, which is unfortunate."

"As long as they play good music, the beer won't be the only thing attracting people to come," said Sophomore Jone Kietzman.

Fetrow and Campus Life pushed to host the event to prove to the community that college students can be responsible drinkers.

Fetrow said the fall dance will "give us increased hope that students will make responsible decisions when given a fair chance."

Sophomore Caitlin Mayton,



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The Guilford chapter of Tappa Tappa Keg meets



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One of the better days

high, satisfaction incorporates numerous other factors such as service, cleanliness, and variety. When asked about the taste of food, only 32 percent are satisfied.

In the actual cafeteria, students seem to be most concerned about this factor.

"The food is ok. It doesn't taste that great, but it can make you full," said first-year Jed Litsey.

In addition, some students have taken the liberty of expressing their opinions about the cafeteria online, Facebook-style. On Facebook, the popular friend database for college students, there is a group called "Caf

Haters." Seventy-two students are members of this group.

"Last year I would often wonder why I am paying so much money for food I don't enjoy," said Chelsea Whitehouse, sophomore and "Caf Haters" member. "This year I am totally off the meal plan, and I am able to make a choice every day about what I eat."

It seems that the controversy lies within the wording. The overall dining experience may be satisfactory, but the quality and taste of the food is not, according to the statistics.

2005: A Year in Spirit and Spirituality

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Guilford has invited a diverse selection of visitors for a year-long discussion of spirit and spirituality (YSS) in 2005-2006. The program will feature speakers, extracurricular programs, special curricular offerings, co-curricular programs, art exhibits, and theater performances. The theme-year programming is aimed at stimulating learning and personal growth for individuals in the

Guilford community.

On Aug. 27, the Guilford College Art Gallery opened an exhibit called "Thresholds: Expression of Art and Spiritual Life." The exhibit, which features works from 54 contemporary artists, will run through October 23. The exhibit explores themes of religion and spirituality. The curator, Eleanor Heartney, will speak on Sept. 21.

The Guilford Art Gallery will feature "Gods and Demons,"

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